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On the Wrong Course

I am of the opinion that a great many of us are inclined to take the President at his word in his defense of Walt Rostow, chairman of the State Department's Planning Council and author of a controversial plan to soften U. S. policy toward communism.

Mr. Kennedy in defending Rostow during his recent conference, just as he defended some members of the CIA in connection with the abortive efforts of anti-Communist Cubans at Matanzas, and just as he defended William Wieland, State Department employe who fought all attempts to have Castro's pro-Communist background revealed, has once again shouldered the blame, saying that Rostow is only "acting under instruction" and, incidentally, "acting very responsibly."

It is no wonder that Mr. Kennedy is having his troubles in the Congress. Your lead editorial Sunday, July 22, captioned "Kennedy's Trouble in Congress," very laconically assessed proper evaluation of the reasons for his troubles, for which you deserve a resounding round of applause. Certainly we should feel profoundly appreciative of our Congress for its efforts to halt the President in his very obvious determination to acquire more administrative power for hastening the march into one-world government. It is ultra important now that we encourage the Congress to have the courage to halt his so-called "progress" so long as it is apparent that he has the ship of state headed in the wrong direction.

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